130. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of branch Anchal Offices in the State ;

(*b*) the salary of a branch Anchal Master ;

(*c*) the hours of work per day of the branch Anchal Master ;

(*d*) the hours of work per day of a sub-anchal Master ; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to raise the scale of salary of the branch Anchal Masters ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) There are 52 branch Anchal Offices in the State.

(*b*) The allowance (not salary) of the branch Anchal Masters is of four grades ; viz., 1 on Rs. 10, 7 on Rs. 8, 17 on Rs. 7 and 27 on Rs. 6.

(*c*) The hours of work per day of the branch Anchal Masters vary from 3 to 6 hours.

(*d*) The hours of work of a sub-anchal Master will not be less than 7 hours per day.

(*e*) There is no necessity to enhance the allowance of the branch Anchal Masters.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know Sir, what is the lowest salary of a sub-anchal Master ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Rs. 20—25.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there is any cash security required for the branch Anchal Masters ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think Rs. 200 is necessary. But, I am not sure. For the exact figure, I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Are they allowed any commission on the sale of stamps ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Formerly they were allowed commission on the sale of all stamps. At present they are not allowed any commission on the sale of Anchal Stamps ; but they are allowed commission on receipt stamps, which they are allowed to sell.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Formerly they were allowed

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commission on the Anchal Stamps. May I know whether Government will be pleased to revive in the case of these branch Anchal Masters commission on the sale of Anchal Stamps?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will be very unworkable. Moreover Government have no idea to reintroduce commission which has already been given up by the British and the Travancore Governments.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know Sir, whether at the time of fixing their salary, the aspect that they will be getting this commission was also considered?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That aspect would have been taken into consideration then. Formerly their remuneration was very small. Subsequently the scales were revised.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* With all that, they get meagre sums!

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They get other remunerations also.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Here it is stated Sir, the difference between the hours of work between a sub-anchal Master and a branch Anchal Master is only one hour.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In the case of branch Anchal Masters they can have their own business, but they have to sell stamps only at the time anybody comes. They can sell stamps even if they so care at their houses.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* So as a matter of fact they are running anchal offices in their houses?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is any rent given for places to house these sub-anchal offices?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are either Government buildings or buildings rented by Government.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* How is it that Government transfer these branch Anchal Masters?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They sometimes insist upon us to do that. It is on their compulsion that the Superintendent transfers them. Probably by this transfer, they think that they can make their lot better.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Can we take it then that the transfer of these branch Anchal Masters will be only on their request?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If it is necessary in the interests of the department, then also that will be done.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the minimum qualifications of a branch Anchal Master?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No qualification is fixed for them.

TRIPPUNITTURA ANCHAL OFFICE AND OTHER ANCHAL OFFICES—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WORK.

131. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the names of the Anchal Offices in the State where clerks are provided to assist the Anchal Masters ;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to supply the following particulars regarding those Anchal Offices as also the Anchal Office at Trippunittura :

(*i*) the number of times Anchal Mails are brought in and sent out of such offices ;

(*ii*) the number and amount of money orders received both for distribution and for transmission during the year 1113 ;

(*iii*) the number of letters received for registration during 1113;

(*iv*) the amount for which stamps, etc., were sold during 1113;

(*c*) is there any clerk in the Trippunittura Anchal Office?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) The following are the Anchal Offices where there are clerks to assist the Anchal Masters.

(1) Ernakulam, (2) Trichur, (3) Irinjalakkuda, (4) Vadakkancheri, (5) Chittur, (6) Cranganur and (7) Cochin.

(*b*) (*i*), (*ii*), (*iii*) & (*iv*) The information required is given in the appended statement. (*Appendix I*).

(*c*) No.

AUCTION SALE FOR REVENUE ARREARS—FIRKAH-WAR PARTICULARS.

132. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state the number of attachments and auction sales made during the years 1112, 1113 and 1114, for arrears of land revenue, in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk for each Revenue Firkah separately; in the figures of 1114, the number of sales which have been notified to be conducted during the remaining part of the year may also be kindly included?

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